

# Buena Vista Tree Advisory Board

September 1, 2016

In attendance were: Tom Liverman, Dan Murray, Roy Gertson , Kathryn Hardgrave.  
Phil Puckett, Greg Maggard

Since not having a quorum, a work session continued at 2pm.

Volunteer time ; 2 hrs.

1. Trees planted on Arbor Day along Evans Ave. are being hand watered. Discussed about installing drip irrigation with the proposed Cedar St plantings and irrigation for 2017.

2. Cedar St project for 2017 has been scoped for planting 33 sites, along with drip irrigation. Greg to refine costs, and will include root barriers along sidewalk conflict areas and grates for the storm water basins.

3. Tom will present our proposed projects for 2017 to Town Council October 25.

4. Rodeo Rd. living snow fence trees have been maintained by DOC labor crew by trimming lower branches and removing weed barrier from around tree trunks. Crew performed the work in two days.

5. Our adopt-a tree project planted week of June 20th was very successful, with 13 trees planted. Nursery stock from Little Valley Wholesale Nursery were in great condition. Public Works crew and Tree Board volunteers completed in two days. Planting trees early in summer season was highly recommended for future plantings.

6. Mark Doerning, Town Planner will present to the Advisory Board on possible new experimental species.

7. Set pruning and removal trees scoping September 15, at PW at 1pm.

8. Discussed tree -sidewalk conflicts and possible remedies. Arbor Day Foundation Bulletin # 3 addresses the issues. Will propose changes to the Planting Guide.

9. The Town has not received any responses for Tree Board membership ads. 3 openings and 2 alternates are open.

10. Greg wanted Board to inspect trees at 209 S. Colo. & 310 S. Gunnison. Tree at Adobe Village west entrance has some problems and was looked over , dried leaves and buds that never opened. Stems & branches are still alive Suggested to observe next year.

11. The Western Community Forestry Conference in Alamosa Sept 9th will be attended by Tom & Dan.

12. Colorado State Forester ( CSFS) Kathryn mentioned entomologist will tour Pine beetle and Spruce beetle infestations in Saquache County. The Spruce Beetle epidemic is spreading from the upper Rio Grande Basin. We need to keep checking the Elms planted along tennis court E. main for the Scale insect treatment. Also a professional photo shoot was performed on trees along E. Main, Community Center and Cedar Ave. sponsored by CSFS.

Ended work session at 3:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson

Secretary